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ACQUISITION REFORM

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ACQUISITION REFORM TOOLS (Key to smarter ways of doing business)

- Army Acquisition Reform Tools & Techniques Guidebook: Provides policies, tools and techniques that reflect many approaches that can be taken to reform acquisition programs to reduce their cost and generate savings for reinvestment. It takes an enlightened and empowered workforce to make reform work to obtain the latest technology, products and services on time and at an affordable cost. Reform is a necessity for realizing the modernization objectives for Army XXI. Visit our homepage to view the guidebook or call for copies (see point of contact below).
- "SARDA Guide for the Preparation of Army Acquisition Programs for Review by the Army Systems Acquisition Review Council (ASARC)": Provides an overview of the ASARC process and serves as a reference for the conduct of a decision review. It includes a discussion of the Integrated Product Team (IPT) and the ASARC IPT processes. It provides guidelines for the preparation of all necessary documentation and a suggested timeline for the events and activities leading up to the ASARC review itself. The guide concludes with suggestions for the conduct of successful milestone reviews. The guide is attached as Notes to this Newsletter and can be found on the website.

COMMERCIALIZATION MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By commercializing a requirement for a Gas Shield Welding Set, TACOM-ACALA slashed its cycle time to less than 40 days. The welding sets, previously produced to a military specification, were needed to support Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia. By making the determination that a commercial welding set would meet the Government's minimum needs, the solicitation was issued, evaluated and awarded in less than 14 days with scheduled delivery in less than 25 days.